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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

Transmitted herewith: ☐ a Preliminary Amendment;
☒ a Reply to Office Action; ☐ a Declaration; ☐ a Power
of Attorney; ☐ a Submission of Formal Drawings; ☐ formal
drawings; to be filed in the above identified patent
application.

FEE FOR ADDITIONAL CLAIMS

☐ A fee for additional claims is not required.
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The additional fee has been calculated as shown below:

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEES
TOTAL CLAIMS	58 -	38 * =	20 X	\$ 50	= \$1,000.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	2 -	3 ** =	0 X	\$500	= \$ 0.00
FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM			+	\$360	= \$ 0.00

* If less than 20, insert 20. TOTAL \$1,000.00

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[] The following extension is applicable to the Reply filed herewith; [] \$120.00 extension fee for response within first month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a); [] \$450.00 extension fee for response within second month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a); [] \$1020.00

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Respectfully submitted,



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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Applicants hereby reply to the Office Action mailed December 8, 2004, which did not address the merits of the application, but required an election of species.

Amendments of the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.